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Testimony of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Works Regarding

HB 7319, An Act Concerning Connecticut Jobs For Connecticut Projects

**Labor and Public Employees Committee
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Senator Prague, Representative Ryan and members of the Labor Committee thank you for this opportunity to speak on behalf of Raised Bill 7319, An Act Concerning Connecticut Jobs For Connecticut Projects.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) strongly supports this bill. We feel that this bill will work to ensure that when projects are financed by Connecticut taxpayers, the project will not be outsourced to non-residents, but given to Connecticut state residents. It is fiscally responsible that when work projects are funded by the state, they should attempt to employ residents of Connecticut. This bill will strengthen our state's infrastructure while also improving our economy.

We ask that this Committee approve Raised Bill 7319. By passing this bill, the Committee will ensure that Connecticut tax payers will have a voice in determining the success of the State's economy.

Again, thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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